

**ORDINANCE 2022-16**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAKE WALES CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 15, MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES, SECTION 15-14, PANHANDLING, AND CHAPTER 20, TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES, SECTION 20-3, OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC STREETS, HIGHWAYS AND ROADS, BY REPEALING SECTION 15-14 AND SECTION 20-3; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, there have been numerous court rulings concerning solicitation, aggressive solicitation, and panhandling since the adoption of Sections 15-14 and 20-3 of the Lake Wales Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has recently received correspondence advising of a possible legal challenge to the constitutionality of the two cited provisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission deems it advisable that the cited provisions be repealed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. Repeal. Sections 15-14 and 20-3 of the Lake Wales Code of Ordinances are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage by the City Commission.

**CERTIFIED AS TO PASSAGE** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2022.

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Jack Hilligoss, Mayor  
City of Lake Wales

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Nanek, CMC, City Clerk